GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – Selection and Deputation of State Haj Inspectors (SHIs) to assist Haj Pilgrims of Andhra Pradesh under the supervision of the Consulate General of India (CGI), Jeddah – Issuance of Modified Government Orders as per Haj Committee of India Guidelines – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 19 **Dated: 17-02-2025**
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.120, Minorities Welfare (Wakf-I) Dept., dated: 11.10.1996
2. From the Executive Officer, A.P. State Haj Committee, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.12/APSHC/SHI/2025/26, dated: 27.01.2025.
3. Circular of Haj Committee of India, File No.: HCO128-006500349/3/2024-HCOI, dated: 20.12.2024.

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ORDER

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been deputing State Haj Inspectors (SHIs), formerly known as Khadimul Hujjaj (KuH), to assist Haj pilgrims from the state under the supervision of the Consulate General of India (CGI), Jeddah. This deputation is in line with the directions of the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), Government of India, and the guidelines issued by the Haj Committee of India (HCoI).

2. In the G.O first read above, Government had directed that in future the period of absence of all the Government servants who are selected by Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee and deputed to Saudi Arabia as Haj Volunteers, shall be treated as On Duty, subject to the condition that the Officer shall not be eligible to draw Traveling Allowance and dearness Allowance for his visit to Saudi Arabia as Haj Volunteer except the passage fare/foreign exchange, etc. paid by Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee, Hyderabad for this purpose. It was also ordered that the Government Servant, if selected by the Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee as Khadimul Hujjaj need not apply for leave from their respective Department but prior permission of the concerned Competent authority shall be obtained before proceeding on Haj Pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia. This order was issued with the concurrence of Finance and Planning Department vide U.O.Note.No.3826/PFS/96, dated:04.10.1996.

3. As per the circular issued by the Haj Committee of India for Haj-2025 in the reference third read above, State Haj Inspectors shall be deputed in the ratio of 1 SHI per 150 pilgrims, including female SHIs, to ensure effective welfare services for Haj pilgrims. The expenditure for their deputation shall be borne 50% by the Haj Committee of India and 50% by the Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby issues the following guidelines for the selection and deputation of State Haj Inspectors from the State of Andhra Pradesh as follows:

A. Eligibility Criteria: As per the norms and guidelines issued by the Haj Committee of India time to time.

B. Selection Process: The A.P. State Haj Committee shall conduct the selection as per the norms and guidelines issued by the Haj Committee of India time to time.

C. Deputation Period & Status:

a) The deputation period shall be as per the guidelines issued by the Haj Committee of India.

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b) The deputation period shall be treated as "On Duty" for all official purposes as per the G.O. in reference first read above.

c) Selected candidates must obtain prior permission (No Objection Certificate – NOC) from their respective Heads of Departments before proceeding on Haj duty.

D. Financial Arrangements:

50% of the expenditure on the State Haj Inspectors shall be borne by Haj Committee of India, Mumbai and 50% by Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee.

E. Responsibilities of Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee:

a) As per the guidelines/instructions of the Haj Committee of India time to time.

b) Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee shall strictly adhere to the prescribed timeline, guidelines/instructions of the Haj Committee of India time to time for nominations, failing which the Haj Committee of India shall directly select the State Haj Inspectors.

5. The Heads of Departments concerned are hereby requested to issue NOCs and relieve the selected officials for their deputation as State Haj Inspectors in coordination with Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee.

6. The Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh State Haj Committee, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly and coordinate with the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) and the Consulate General of India (CGI), Jeddah for smooth implementation of these orders.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Executive Officer, A.P. State Haj Committee, Vijayawada.
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The CEO, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
All Heads of Departments concerned.
The General Administration Department, A.P.
The Finance Department, A.P.
All District Collectors in Andhra Pradesh.
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers
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